



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 23, 2000

H.R. 3090

An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to restore certain lands to the Elim Native Corporation, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 10, 2000*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3090 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 3090 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3090 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Enactment of this legislation would benefit the Elim Native Corporation.

H.R. 3090 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey 50,000 acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Alaska to the Elim Native Corporation. According to BLM, the area from which the corporation would make the selection currently generates no receipts, and the agency does not expect the land to generate any significant receipts over the next 10 years. Therefore, conveying this acreage to the corporation would not affect the federal budget over that period.

H.R. 3090 also would amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) to broaden the definition of a “settlement trust” in ANCSA. We estimate that the provision would have no impact on federal spending.

On November 3, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3090 as ordered reported by the House Resources Committee on October 20, 1999. The two versions of the legislation are substantively similar, and the cost estimates are the same.

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